



History NEWS

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Royal Historical Society of Victoria

Calling all History Week event details – due in by 1st October!

History Week 2009 is being held from the 25 October until the 1 November 2009 and a range of exciting events is planned.

Amongst other things, Victorians can:

- take part in the Beechworth Committal and Supreme Court trials of Ned Kelly, on the same site and day of his sentencing in 1880;
- explore the oldest area of continuous Chinese settlement in the western world, meeting Dai Loong (the Big Dragon) and enjoying a Chinese feast;
- go trick or treating on a guided Halloween tour of the Melbourne General Cemetery;
- research their family history with the experts at the Australian Institute of Genealogical Studies and the Immigration Museum;
- spend a spine tingling night out for kids at one of Melbourne's oldest cultural institutions – the State Library;
- celebrate 75 years of the Shine of Remembrance, with an engaging discussion on the Shrine's past, present and plans for the future;
- get a dose of Batmania and ponder the question of who founded Melbourne - Batman, his bitter rival John Pascoe Fawkner, or pioneer Captain John Lancey?

But we need your event details to add to the list!

To make sure your event is included on the History Week website, please send the following information to info@historyweek.org.au:

1. the event title;
2. a brief description of the event;
3. the location of the event;
4. the event time;
5. a cost (if any); and
6. a contact (name and telephone number) for more information.

History Week 09

www.historyweek.org.au 25 Oct - 1 Nov

*discover the wonders
of Victoria's past*

We'll then provide you with a copy of the official History Week logo to include on all of your promotional material and send you a bunch of

postcards to promote History Week to your local community.

If you don't have anything planned as yet, put your thinking caps on. Possible event topics include:

- history walking tours around town;
- Open House 'behind the scenes' tours of historical buildings;
- celebrating the life of a local identity;
- exploring the history of housing styles in your area;
- tracing your family history;
- creating a town time capsule; and/or
- welcoming a guest speaker to talk on an area of interest to residents.

Make sure you get back to Samantha Smith, History Week Coordinator, by 1st October either by email (office@historyvictoria.org.au) or phone 0418 576 129 with details of your event.

And help spread the word!

Speak to your local school, newspaper, radio station and community groups and invite them to become involved with and promote History Week.

Join in on the celebrations and make this year's History Week a stunning success!

For all enquiries, please contact the Royal Historical Society of Victoria on (03) 9326 9288.

Your HistoryWeek postcard is enclosed in this newsletter.

We are grateful to Vera Moore Foundation who have generously supported History Week for 2009.



Kate Prinsley, Executive Officer RHSV, receives a Churchill Fellowship for 2009 from the Governor of Victoria, Professor David de Kretser, A.C.

Kate Prinsley awarded Churchill Fellowship

With the support of a Churchill Fellowship, Kate Prinsley, Executive Officer of RHSV, will visit peak bodies and specialised organisations in the United States and England to research programs in local history. She will be looking at innovative local history programs that demonstrate a growth in volunteer involvement, and at the sustainability of local history within communities. She will also be looking at examples, and the application of digital history to interpret events.

Her research project will take her to rural and city environments exploring programs that would be of benefit to Australia.

Kate will undertake her research project and report in June/July next year and looks forward to creating international links for the RHSV, and reinforcing the networks established by Joan Hunt when she undertook her fellowship.

RHSV receives Arts grant

The RHSV has received a grant from the City of Melbourne 2010 Arts Grant Program to develop a play about Jessie Webb.

It is particularly exciting to receive this grant in our centenary year as Jessie Webb was a founding member. She is also a significant figure in the city's history and is most notable as the acting professor of history at the University of Melbourne from 1925 - 1944. The History Department library bears her name. The grant gives the RHSV an innovative way to interpret history and bring to an audience the history of one of Melbourne's leading women.

OBITUARY:

The Honourable John Harber Phillips AC QC

When John Phillips was approached to be chairman of an RHSV Committee of Eminent Persons his response was immediate. He would be honoured and delighted, he said, to help the Committee devise a programme to celebrate the RHSV Centenary celebrations.

This was the unfailing response of The Honourable John Phillips AC QC to requests to assist community endeavours. At the time he was Provost of the Sir Zelman Cowen Centre of Victoria University. This appointment followed his distinguished legal career as Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Victoria, a Judge of both the Supreme Court of Victoria and the Federal Court. His early career as a renowned criminal barrister led to his selection as the first Victorian Director of Public Prosecutions.

The study of history was one of his many interests. His book, *The Trial of Ned Kelly* (1987), remains a classic study in this widely ploughed field.

We were most grateful for his assistance in devising the successful celebration of our Centenary year. We join with the many persons in the Australian community who mourn his death.



Council welcomes two new members:

Kay Craddock AM

Kay Craddock is one of the City of Melbourne's great business ambassadors. She has been an Antiquarian bookseller for more than 43 years; and has served as President of the International Association of Antiquarian Booksellers. She received an AM in 2007 for her contribution to antiquarian book selling. Kay will bring considerable expertise into the development of our collections.

Dr Don Garden FRHSV

Don, a former Vice President of the RHSV, returns to Council after a two year break. He is currently president of the Federation of Australian Historical Societies and brings to Council a national perspective on history and heritage. As President of the FAHS he advocates with great energy at a federal level for historical societies and local history.

A Message from the President

Still needed, 100 years on

When the RHSV began its existence as the Historical Society of Victoria the paddock was almost empty. No one taught Australian history courses at schools or universities, there was no National Trust or Public Record Office, no Heritage Council or Museums Australia (Victoria), no History Council, Professional Historians' Association, Genealogical Society of Victoria or Port Phillip Pioneers, no Koorie Heritage Trust, no La Trobe Society, no specialist Australiana or Victorian historical collection in the state's Public Library, and hardly anything in the way of local historical societies in Victoria.

In direct or sometimes in very indirect ways the RHSV has played a role in building and nurturing these and other specialised bodies and collections. This has been through sustained work in raising the public's awareness of the importance of Victoria's history and the fragility of our heritage under the pressure of change and progress and the relentless march of time. Some institutions have grown to become strong and well-funded, and all are dynamic, for which we are grateful, but the need continues for a vigorous, independent historical society in Victoria.

The RHSV and its huge network of slightly over 300 affiliated historical societies remains the place where expert knowledge and local passion for Victoria's history resides. Your support as members, affiliate members, as donors and makers of bequests, as volunteers at A'Beckett Street and in your own local societies, and now as supporters of the new RHSV Foundation is essential. There is work to be done and we still have ambitious plans. Thank you for renewing that support as we enter our 101st year.

Andrew Lemon – President

RHSV benefits from Deakin Internships

Over the past ten years, there have been several Deakin history students who have taken an internship at the RHSV as part of their undergraduate history majors. The internship is designed to give students a valuable experience in a community history setting where they can make use of their existing skills, extend these skills, and gain practical experience in working outside the normal university teaching environment. The RHSV is in many ways an ideal placement for students: it has wonderful, often untapped, resources; it has superb and knowledgeable volunteers who can guide the novice historian; it is a friendly workplace. The RHSV materially benefits from the students' work as can be seen in the accounts below. Deakin University is also the beneficiary of the RHSV's participation.

Don Gibb has been the Deakin staff person responsible for these internships and he acknowledges the wonderful mentoring work that has been done by Richard Barnden, Kate Prinsley and Nonie Long.

The very first internship student was Sue Blackwood who completed a project on some photo albums of the Royal Geographical Society of Australasia, Victorian branch under Richard's guidance. As those who heard Sue at the Centenary conference might realize, this was the beginning of very substantial further work that culminated in her 2006 Deakin PhD – 'Jungle, Desert, Ice: Royal Geographical Society of Australasia, Victorian Branch'.

Anna Di Giantosomasso in 2003 worked on the Lillian Cresswell collection of postcards featuring theatrical identities in the period, 1890-1920 and prepared a guide to these.

Leah Kemp in 2007 worked on the RHSV Council and General Meeting Minutes for the period, 1918-1929 and produced a table of their contents.

Recently, Tessa Keane examined the Manuscript Collection and assessed its value for the study of indigenous Australian and settler relations in the Port Phillip District before 1850 and produced a probing discussion of how it might be used by researchers.

Currently, Michelle Santoso is exploring the Studley Miller collection and Khyllie Bray the Alexander Cameron Macdonald collection.

Are there any old Melway's out there?



We are missing the following editions. Melways maps are incredibly useful for research and we would love to have a full set.

If you have any of the editions listed, please consider donating them to us.

- Editions 1 – 6 1968 -1972
- Edition 8 1975 Edition 26 1999
- Edition 28 2001 Edition 30 2003
- Edition 31 2004 Edition 32 2005
- Edition 33 2006 & current edition 2009!

Volunteers Needed

As always we require more help. Our activities include helping in the library, assisting with research, cataloguing, indexing, digitizing and office help.

We are a friendly, energetic and busy society and we value your voluntary contribution.

Please, if you have any time to spare – consider volunteering with us.

Further enquiries ph: Chris Cooze
9326 9288.

Position Vacant

Typists who work at home have always supported computer-indexing at the RHSV. From time to time we need to call for new volunteers to join their ranks.

The basic monthly commitment is to type approximately 25 pages of handwritten or printed text into a table using MSWorks or MS Word. Typists receive photocopies of the text and return the completed table by e-mail or on disk (no printing is required). Work commitments are adjusted to take account of the volunteer's holidays, family commitments, home renovations and the like. When the typing is received it is printed and passed to the indexer for checking. It is then imported into the appropriate databases, so making additional information about our holdings more readily available to researchers.

If you would like to join the typing team, in the first instance please contact Gerardine Horgan, 9326 9288 or send an e-mail to office@historyvictoria.org.au.

RHSV Australian history prize 2009

This year the winner was Mr Logan Hayward, who achieved a final result of 89% for the subject entitled "Living With Colonialism", lectured and taught by Dr Tracey Banivanua-Mar. Mr Hayward completed a Bachelor of Arts at La Trobe University's Albury-Wodonga Campus in 2008 with a double major in History and Sociology, and he is now undertaking a Graduate Diploma in Education.

New Exhibition at the RHSV



Detail from William Tibbits (1837-1906) Birdseye view from Newport Estate showing the Government Railway.

“100 Years of Collecting”

Building on the success of the *Community Treasures* exhibition recently held at the City of Melbourne Gallery, this new exhibition takes another look at our collections.

The exhibition concentrates on some of the early donations. Like many collections of its day, its growth was not through a pro-active policy, but rather reflects the passions and enthusiasms of its original founders and members.

The concern for loss of heritage, personal papers from pioneer families, gifts from members have built up the most significant collection of Victorian history outside the state collections.



William Barak seated with dog by his side (probably Coranderrk)c.1880

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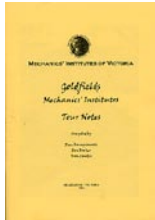
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BOOKS RECEIVED

We note below relevant items sent to the Society. Interested groups or authors are invited to contribute to this valuable service to members in *History News* and through deposit in the library. Some items may later be reviewed in the *Journal*.

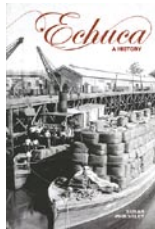
Goldfields Mechanics' Institutes Tour Notes

Pam Baragwanath, Don Barjer, Bron Lowden (compilers), Mechanics' Institutes of Victoria Inc., Box 1080, Mitcham North, 3132, 2006, 61pp. A neat informative and illustrated guide to nearly 30 sites.



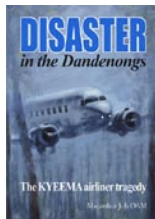
Echuca, A History

Susan Priestley, Australian Scholarly Publishing, Melbourne, extended, revised edition 2009 xiv + 345pp. (1st published, Jacaranda, 1965) In 1965, this book was one of very few published local and regional histories commissioned by a council and written by a professional historian. (Weston Bate's *Brighton* and Geoff Blainey's *Cambervell* were others.) Originally published at the time of the centenary of the town of Echuca and its proclamation as a city, the new handsomely produced edition demonstrates not only the substance of the first, but also the full flowering of its distinguished writer as well as continuing research in Echuca's and Victoria's history in the last 34 years. Echuca is now the municipal centre of the Shire of Campaspe. The original eight chapters look deceptively like the first eight in this edition but there have been extensive additions and careful modifications in these chapters as well as three new ones that help make this another considerable contribution to Victorian and regional history.



Disaster in the Dandenongs, The Kyeema Airliner Tragedy

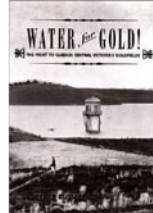
Macarthur Job, Sierra Publishing & Mount Dandenong Historical Society, 2008, 64pp. Seventy years ago, a DC2 airliner en route from Adelaide to Melbourne plunged into Mt Dandenong with its 18 crew and passengers killed. These included Charles Hawker, federal member for Wakefield; Thomas Hardy, Hugo Gramp and Sidney Hill-Smith, leading South Australia vigneron; and a number of lawyers and accountants returning from the royal commission on national health insurance in Perth. The



worst Australian aviation disaster at that time, it sparked decisions to set up air traffic control systems and the Department of Civil Aviation. This book outlines and explains how the tragedy occurred; provides the context of commercial airline development, planes and safety; and gives an account of the relocation of the crash site and subsequent commemorations.

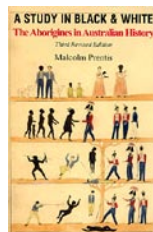
Water for Gold, The Fight to Quench Central Victoria's Goldfields

Geoffrey Russell, Australian Scholarly Publishing, Melbourne, 2009, xiii + 288 pp. The 'great drought' of 1866 provided the spur for the construction of the Coliban System of Waterworks, completed in 1877, seen by the author as 'colonial Australia's most ambitious, sophisticated and controversial water project'. Designed by Joseph Brady, it was an 'engineering marvel'. The scheme raised debates about control, ownership and responsibility for payment of the huge costs of construction that resonate with current debates about private/public partnerships. The book shows the enormous importance of water supply to the goldfields of Bendigo and Castlemaine and adds much to local and regional history. This is a very substantial work, very clearly documented, well-indexed, and thoroughly researched.



A Study in Black and White, The Aborigines in Australian History

Malcolm Prentis, Rosenberg, Sydney, 2009, 192pp (3rd revised edition) The author wrote one of the early 'document' books on the interaction of Indigenous and European Australians, published in 1975. The latest edition reflects both the vast body of work since published as well as the author's continued commitment to teaching and presenting material for students.

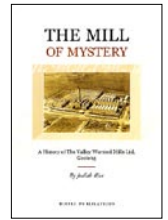


The Suffragist and the Squatter, Annie Lister and P. S. Watson

Norman C. Hutchinson, N. C. Hutchinson, 1/2 Linden St, Box Hill Sth, 3128, 117pp. The author charts the lives of Annie Lister, early suffragist and daughter of a wealthy Melbourne merchant, and Sidney Watson, squatter's son, who were married in 1898. After two adventurous years in the Klondike gold rush, they returned to Victoria where Annie was prominent in the suffrage movement, the establishment of free kindergartens and in organizations concerned with the protection of children. They both became very active Christian Scientists as were many in the suffragist movement. Theirs is an intriguing story that invites more study.

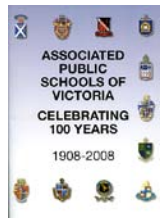
The Mill Mystery, A History of the Valley Worsted Mills Ltd, Geelong

Judith Rice, Histec Publications, Melbourne, 2008, ix + 62 pp. The mill operated from 1924 to 1973 and was one of the mills added in the 1920s to those that had operated from the late 19th century and that had made Geelong a considerable centre for the manufacture of woollen textiles. Written by the daughter of the last general manager, illustrated with excellent photos and plans, and clear in its descriptions of technical processes, this is a worthwhile addition to Geelong's and Victoria's industrial history.



Associated Public Schools of Victoria Celebrating One Hundred Years, 1908-2008

Gillian Hibbins (comp.), Associated Public Schools of Victoria, Melbourne, 2008, 48pp. The APS was formed in 1908 with six schools; five more were added in 1958. Reflecting its title, this publication celebrates the existence of the association, but only in sport. There are some compelling historical vignettes written by the compiler and lots of glossy, mostly recent photos, with short pieces on each of the schools and the advent of girls in the APS.



On The Home Front, Melbourne in Wartime, 1939-1945

Kate Darian-Smith, Melbourne University Press, Melbourne, 2nd edition 2009, xiii + 303pp. (1st published Oxford University Press 1990) Despite the continuing interest in and burgeoning of publishing about Australia and war, there have not been many writers who have followed up Darian-Smith's encompassing study of Melbourne in works on other places and regions. This is a most welcome republication; but the decision to omit the splendid photos (largely from the AWM collection) is surely regrettable. The author acknowledges receiving new information from those with 'first-hand knowledge' of the war (p. vii). Was there no pedant who noticed what must be an error of transcription (now on p. 39) that people queued for a 2/- box of Newmans chocolates that weighed 4 lbs (not presumably 1/4 lb.)? That aside, there is a very succinct appraisal of recent writing about the war and its commemoration in the last 20 years. A very worthy return to print.



Another grand historical landmark bites the dust

Robin Grow argues that our current Government is supporting commercial interests before our heritage.

The heart of Melbourne was transformed during the 1930s as a rich association of commercial interests, the latest styling, new building techniques and materials and colourful facades resulted in a new world of Art Deco department stores, centred on Bourke Street. A number of other buildings emerged in nearby streets to serve the retail precinct.

In 1935, Lonsdale House (at 269-73 Lonsdale Street) was created by re-modelling two 19th Century buildings, abutting onto Caledonian Lane. The designer was the prolific and highly-regarded architect I G Anderson, responsible for many buildings in Geelong in the 1920s and in Tasmania after WW II. Whilst his work in Melbourne in the 1930s included designs for apartment blocks, markets, factories, cinemas, houses and maisonettes, municipal buildings, cafes and golf club houses, Lonsdale House is his only known commission in the city centre.

The building, finished in cement render, skilfully integrates the two sections - the western section features a distinctive banded upper façade treatment, large steel-framed window bays to enable maximum light to enter, and the name of Lonsdale House spelt out in stylised lettering. The narrower eastern end features shorter sections and two curved balconies, but is dominated by the stepped tower at the parapet line. Towers were commonly used in this era to give prominence to buildings by projecting above the prescribed building height limit but none compare with this piece of Art Deco fantasy, consisting of semi-circles, squares, and scalloped vertical sections painted in a contrasting colour - all beneath the almost mandatory 1930s flagpole. Shops at street level were finished in black tiles and shiny metal shop surrounds. Tenants on upper floors included small factories and businesses associated with



the clothing industry, such as tailors, mantle and corset makers, pressers, furriers, manufacturer's agents, and a mannequin academy, whilst the Myer advertising department occupied the fourth floor for many years.

In 1984, the importance of Lonsdale House was recognized and it was included in the Central Activities District Conservation Study by Graeme Butler and then in the Melbourne Planning Scheme as part of the Post Office Precinct Heritage Overlay (Post Office Precinct). It has a grading of B with a streetscape level 2. Whilst this grading should have provided protection against demolition, this was not to be the case. It was nominated to the Victorian Heritage Register in 2008, but was not accepted as of State significance by the officers of Heritage Victoria.

The owners of the building, Myer, and their bankers, Colonial First State, fought very hard against listing the building on the State Register because it was earmarked for demolition as part of the redevelopment of the Myer Lonsdale Street store. Adaptive re-use of the building was never seriously considered, as the plans called for abutting Caledonian Lane to be doubled

in size. The building was in the way of two-way truck traffic! Like many other developments throughout Victoria, the project was 'called in' by the Planning Minister, who approved its removal from the Melbourne Planning Scheme and its demolition. The City of Melbourne was asked for comment and raised no objection to the demolition of a significant building.

What does this mean for Melbourne? The loss of any historic building reduces our capacity to understand the past. None of us want to live in a museum but we do want to see historic buildings adapted to serve a new purpose. These buildings also contribute to cultural tourism and provide residents and visitors with the opportunity to appreciate architecture from previous eras. There has been a major outcry about the building from residents of Melbourne and from around the world, who are incredulous at the decision. Why couldn't it have been adapted to meet both commercial and historic needs? Who was supposed to protect it? Good questions - what the decision demonstrates is that commercial interests are paramount in Victoria at present and they are able to convince Ministers that it is worth trading off a wonderfully stylish historic building for a wider lane and yet another glass box that will be totally out of place in an historic streetscape.

Robin Grow is the President of the Art Deco & Modernism Society (www.artdeco.org.au), based in Melbourne.

He has also recently published Melbourne Art Deco which features a wonderful photo of the Lonsdale House tower on the cover.

**HISTORY VICTORIA SUPPORT GROUP – RHSV
SEMINAR DAY SATURDAY 21 NOVEMBER 2009**

To be held at the RHSV, 239 A'Beckett St, Melbourne

**Disaster Prevention and
Caring For Your Collection**

- 10.00 **Registration** and cup of tea for those who have travelled from far afield
- 10.30 **Welcome by RHSV President (Andrew Lemon)**
Introduction, reports, general information:
- 10.30 President, Royal Historical Society of Victoria – Andrew Lemon – welcome
- 10.40 Convenor, History Victoria Support Group Lenore Frost – introduction
- 10.50 Exec. Officer, Royal Historical Society Victoria, Kate Prinsley – RHSV news
- 11.00 **Presenter: Ballarat Gold Museum Curator, Roger Trudgeon**
Roger will give tell us what happened in the 2007 Gold Museum flooding disaster, and what they learned, and also give an outline of the recently signed Memorandum of Understanding which forms a framework where Ballarat Collections Network members agree to assist each other, prepare for and respond to emergencies or disasters such as fire or floods which may endanger their collections.
- 30.30 LUNCH
- 1.30 **Panel discussion:** Caring for your collection
Following on from the previous session, the discussion will centre on matters such as backing up your collection with digitisation, working with your local library, and storage options.
- 2.30 **Presenters:** Kate Prinsley, Joan Hunt, Lenore Frost, Vicki Court
In this session we will focus on some basic good housekeeping for your collections. Everyone will be encouraged to participate with anecdotes, experiences, ideas, and solutions.
- 3.30 **Afternoon tea** - Closure of Seminar Day, and departure.

(Costs: \$15 per head includes a light lunch and morning and afternoon tea. Please book through RHSV by notifying Ged by email office@historyvictoria.org.au or phone 9326 9288. Bookings will close Wednesday 18 November 2009.)

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS**Victorian Community Foundation – Holsworth Local Heritage Trust**

Historical Societies in Regional Victoria are encouraged to apply to the Holsworth Fund to support the production of publications.

Funding of up to \$2,000 is available for the **publication** of works on any specific or general local history in Regional Victoria.

The grant is not intended to benefit individual authors or large organizations. Small organizations with little or no experience of self publishing work will be encouraged. Joint projects encompassing several groups or annual/self edited journals incorporating submitted historical articles from a wide community are encouraged.

Previous recipients include:

Maryborough Field Naturalists Club, Linton & District Historical Society, Tatura & District Historical Society, Mornington & Peninsular National Trust, friends of Bendigo Cemeteries Inc.

For more information, application guidelines and forms go to ANZ Executors and Trustees on 03 9273 6799 or free call 1800 808 910

Or www.anz.com/aus/fin/Trustees/

Applications close 1 October 2009.

**'Cataloguing manual'
now online*****The Small Museums Cataloguing Manual – A guide to cataloguing object and image collections***

Hilary Ericksen and Ingrid Unger (eds.), (Museums Australia Victoria), 4th edit.,

95pp, illustr., appendices. Available to download from:

<http://www.mavic.asn.au/services/small-museums-cataloguing-manual/>

The "cataloguing manual" as it has gratefully been known for more than two decades, has been long out of print, and will be a welcome arrival online to every historical and heritage group wanting to make progress with the management of their collections. You need only download to print those sections of the manual which are specifically required, and the whole document can be kept as a digital image on a disk for easy reference. It is compact, easy to read, accessible, and immensely helpful.

The essential subjects relating to collection policies, recording the items either manually or digitally, itemised use of the worksheets, and applicable examples, all combine to make this the "bible" for community historical collections.

The publishing of this updated fourth edition has been financially supported by Heritage Victoria and Arts Victoria, and they, together with Museums Australia (Victoria) have put us very happily in their debt.

Joan E. Hunt

UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE**History Higher-Degree &
Honours Reunion
(classes 1970-1989)**

Tuesday 13 October 2009

Graduate House

220 Leicester St, Carlton

6:30pm for 7:00pm dinner

Keynote presentation by fellow alumni:

Ms Susan Noy (BA(Hons) 1980, Grad Dip Rec 1980) and

Mr Norman O'Bryan AM S.C. (BA(Hons) 1981, LLB(Hons) 1981)

RSVP: by Friday 2 October to Lisa Flower

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AROUND THE SOCIETIES

This column is compiled by Lenore Frost on behalf of History Victoria Support Group using information provided by Societies either directly or contained in their newsletters. For next issue please send details of forthcoming events by 10 October to lenore10@hotmail.com

ANGLESEA: The Anglesea Art Walk is a concept to develop public art in Anglesea, which would become a representation of our town's history. Mosaics are the media chosen to depict images of historical and/or environmental significance. The steering committee, of which the Anglesea & District Historical Society is a member, has been working hard towards achieving this vision.

AUSTRALIAN FRIENDS OF SS GREAT

BRITAIN: Our 2009 AGM will be held at the RHSV on Tuesday 27 October at 11 am. Guest speaker will be Amy Zurrer, curator/historian at Melbourne's World Trade Centre who will talk about the maritime-themed exhibition being set up in the WTC building. Afterwards a light lunch will be available for a small charge. Visitors are welcome to attend. Further enquiries to (03) 9755 1176 or ssgbmc2@hotmail.com

BALLAN: The June issue of the society's newsletter, "The Settler" carries the story of "Early settlers of Ballan: the Sussex connection". The main family studied in this article is that of Thomas and Mary Anne Cooke, nee Crouch. Enquiries: Ballan Shire Historical Society, PO Box 137, Ballan 3342.

BEAUFORT: The historical society received a Local History Grant to allow it to complete its project of transferring the *Riponshire advocate* on to cd. The Museum is open on the first and third Sundays of the month from 10 am to 4 pm, or by appointment. Charges apply. Enquiries: pamwell@tpg.com.au or phone 5349 3055.

BRIGHTON: Visit the West Brighton Club, established in 1881, and enjoy a guided tour followed by afternoon tea, on Tuesday 6 October at 2 pm. Cost \$15, or \$12.50 for seniors. Reservations essential – phone 9553 8650.

CENTRAL HIGHLANDS: "What's in a Name? Town? Suburb? Locality? Street?" Family History Expo, Saturday 3 and Sunday 4 October, 10 am to 4 pm both days, to be held at the Ballarat Specialist School, Gillies Street, Ballarat. Entry \$5. Enquiries: expo@chha.asn.au or 03 5334 0565.

CHILTERN: The Chiltern Athenaeum Museum has a photographic collection of the 32 members of the Old Colonist's Association of the Ovens and Murray District, formed in 1886. The Athenaeum Trust had these photographs restored and the frame refurbished, and will unveil this collection on Sunday 13 September at 1.00 pm at the Chiltern Athenaeum Museum. We hope to obtain a short description of the Old Colonists. We are still looking for contact with members of the families of Dr Haley, J Gaggioni, J Black, J Beck, Hon F Brown, N Christian, W Shaw, A Tone and W F Tuck. If you can help contact us at 57 Conness Street, Chiltern Vic 3683; phone 03 5726 1280; Fax 03 5726 1892 or email: info@chilternathenaeum.com.au

CINEMA & THEATRE: The CATHS 20th Anniversary luncheon will be held on Sunday 25 October, details yet to be finalised. Check their website for details: www.caths.org.au

COBDEN: Cobden Historical Society invites all "Cobdenites" to a reunion on Sunday 18 October as part of the Cobden Spring Festival: 17 & 18 October. All welcome to attend at our rooms in the Old Chocelyn Hall, Grayland Street, Cobden. No bookings necessary, but mail can be directed to C.H.S., P.O. Box 57, Cobden or phone Alma on 555 1162 or Elizabeth on 5595 1093.

COBURG: On Wednesday 16 September, Tony O'Brien will address the meeting on the Beechworth goldfields. Meetings are held at the Coburg Library Meeting Room at 8 pm. Enquiries: 9386 3826.

COLAC: Opening hours of the COPACC History Centre are Thursday, Friday & Sunday 2 pm to 4 pm. Enquiries 03 5232 1624.

DAYLESFORD: "Fromelles – the missing", is the subject of a special presentation by Lambis Englezos, AM and Tim Whitford, the people behind the discovery of our missing WW1 diggers in France. It will be held on Friday 4 September at 8 pm at the Daylesford Citizens Room, rear Daylesford Town Hall, Vincent St, Daylesford. Enquiries: 5348 3309 or 5348 5519. A gold coin donation appreciated.

DIAMOND CREEK: Ellis Cottage, 10 Nillumbik Sq, Diamond Creek, is open on the first Sunday of the month from 2 to 4 pm. A life-size figure of a miner, sculpted in timber with a chain saw by Rob Bast, has been installed in the cottage garden. Please drop by and take a look when you are nearby. Enquiries: nhs.secretary@hotmail.com or phone 9438 3441.

DUNOLLY: The July issue of *Tailings*, the newsletter of the Goldfields Historical And Arts Society, commenced a carefully researched biography entitled "King Tommy- Last of the Loddon Tribe". King Tommy was born about 1831 and was named Yereep, which means "ironbark". He was born into the Tanne Balug clan of the Djadja Wurrung people occupying a long strip of territory between the Loddon River and Bullock Creek.

GISBORNE MT MACEDON: On Sunday 20 September at 2.30 pm there will be a talk, followed by "High Tea" at the Courthouse Museum, Gisborne. Enquiries: history@gisbornemountmacedon.org.au or phone 5428 1450.

GULF STATION: The Friends and Relations of Gulf Station are happy to welcome volunteers who can help with things like gardening and school visits. Working bees are held on the first Sunday of the month. Enquiries: email Irene.Kearsey@bigpond.com, or phone 9435 8404.

KANGAROO GROUND: The newsletter carries an analysis of a recent acquisition by their museum - a copy of the 1934 diary of John Bell of "Violet Bank", Kangaroo Ground. John was a successful farmer, and served on the Eltham Shire Council from 1896 to 1907. A new exhibition at the Andrew Ross Museum, "Stevenson: Destination Kangaroo Ground", will be formally launched in spring. Enquiries: rossmuseum@optusnet.com.au.

KEW: Copyright will be the special subject of the speaker on Wednesday 11 November, at 8 pm in the Phyllis Hore Room. Enquiries: 9853 1535 or email davidbenwell@optusnet.com.au.

KOO-WEE-RUP: The society will be running a bus trip to Yarram, Port Albert, etc on Saturday 10 October. Meetings of the society are held on the 2nd Wednesday of the month, February to December, at 8 pm, new members welcome. For further details, ring (03) 5997 1357.

KOROIT: The newsletter reports on new regular opening times for their museum, the second Sunday of the month from 1 pm to 4 pm. They are also open on Koroit Show Day, Saturday 14 November. The museum is located at the Tower Hill Common School, Victoria Park, High St, Koroit. Enquiries diza56@dodo.com.au or phone 03 5565 8405.

KYNETON: On Saturday 12 September, at 78 Piper St, from 9 am to 2 pm there will be "Used Books, Oddments, Plants and Candles and Family History" Is this a meeting or a sale? Not sure, but it sounds like fun. Enquiries: 0450 806 637 or email kynetonhs@hotmail.com.

LEONGATHA: The South Gippsland Shire will be painting the Mechanics' Institute, the home of the Leongatha & District Historical Society, inside and out over the next twelve months. The Museum will still be open to visitors on Thursdays and Fridays between 12 noon and 4 pm, in McCartin St. Enquiries: 5662 2492 or email leongathahistsoc@yahoo.com.au.

MALMSBURY: After a marathon effort, our room at the front of the Mechanics' Institute, and the MAA's room next door have both been cleaned out and the much bigger Federal Hall down the passage made to look like an overstocked warehouse to enable restoration works to proceed. Regular Tuesday opening hours for research have been suspended, so please direct enquiries to the Secretary on 5423 9383 or email malmsburyhistorical@gmail.com.

MALVERN: The Stonnington History Website has been updated with e-published versions of JB Cooper's *History of Prahran, Volume II, 1925-1990*, and *Private and public memory: a history of the City of Malvern, the Annual Reports of the City of Malvern (1915-1943)* and the *City of Prahran (1909-1954)*. The reports are full of wonderful photographs. www.stonnington.vic.gov.au/history

MOE: The Society rooms are at 2 High St, Moe. Meetings are held there on the fourth Tuesday of the month, February to November, at 7.30 pm. See the website http://homevicnet.net.au/~moehs Enquiries: moehist@vic.australia.com.au or phone 0351 276264.

MERRIGUM: A "Heritage Walk around Merrigum" will be held on Sunday 25 October from 1 pm to 3 pm, commencing at the Merrigum Museum, 111-113 Waverley Avenue, Merrigum. A bus will be available to outlying heritage sites. There will be afternoon tea at the Museum at the conclusion of the walk. Enquiries to 58552330 or 58552213.

MILITARY (OAKLEIGH): MHS Victorian Branch has recently moved to the Oakleigh-Carnegie RSL in Drummond Street, Oakleigh. It meets every fourth Thursday of the month (except December) at 8 pm. Guests are very welcome. Please contact vicsec@mhsa.org.au or see the website <http://mhsavictoria.tripod.com/Index.html> for details.

MORWELL: We recently received a grant from the RHSV to produce a banner and a brochure promoting our society's activities. Approaching completion is Stage 1 of the Interpretive Heritage Signage pointing out areas or items of historical significance. The Morwell Historical Centre is open each Wednesday between 11 am and 2 pm, or by appointment at other times. See the web page www.morwellhistoricalsociety.org.au for contact details.

NAVAL: The Victorian Chapter of the Naval Historical Society of Australia meets at the Melbourne Naval Centre, 146W Toorak Rd, South Yarra, opposite Fawkner Park, at 7.30 pm on the 4th Monday of the month. Email: rex.f.williams@gmail.com

ROSEDALE: The Historical Society opened its new rooms in the 1913 Rosedale Shire Hall on 14 June 2009. The rooms at 4-6 Lyons St, Rosedale are open on Mondays from 1.00 to 3.00 pm, or by appointment. Enquiries: rosedalehds@hotmail.com or phone 5199 2133.

RYE: Since the arrival of the new schoolroom and the departure of the Rye Primary School from the Old Schoolhouse, the society now has the building to itself, and is busy re-organising the space, and refurbishing the building and display cabinets. New non-ultra violet lights have been installed, and quotes for blinds obtained to protect the collection.

SALVATION ARMY: The July *Heritage newsletter* carries a report of the unveiling on 1 July 2009 of a memorial to the 1,053 Australian soldiers and civilians who lost their lives in the sinking of the *Montevideo Maru*, Australia's largest maritime disaster. Sixteen Salvation Army bandsmen who had enlisted in the 2/22nd Battalion Band perished at that time, and a further six died during the Japanese invasion of Rabaul.

SEYMOUR: A subcommittee has been appointed to plan appropriate celebrations for the centenary of the Visit to Seymour by Lord Kitchener in January 1910. At this stage it is proposed to celebrate with a number of activities during the weekend of 16 and 17 January 2010. There are plans to erect a commemorative cairn, hold a parade along Anzac Avenue and present a static display of military vehicles.

SPRINGVALE: An interesting and successful exhibition was held at the historical society gallery from 3 April to 29 June. "A worthwhile experience" told the story of the migrant hostel in Springvale and of the people who lived and worked there from 1970 to 1992. The exhibition came from the Melbourne Immigration Museum.

ST ANDREWS/QUEENSTOWN: St Andrew's Anglican Church is 140 years old. Come and celebrate this event on Sunday 1 November. A special service starting at 12 pm will be followed by afternoon tea. Contact Gaye 9438 5856 or flygayeh@hotmail.com.

STRATFORD: Meetings are held at the Library, at 7.30 pm. We are currently opening the Museum, every Tuesday 10-3, with a team updating our resources. Our home, the old Methodist church, now has a smart new roof, and a new Plasma and DVD have been installed to show our photographic collection. Enquiries: Wemyss Struss, 5145 6485; Marion Stothers, 5145 6270; mestothers@gmail.com

SUNSHINE: Your research enquiries can be made at The Cottage, Hunt Club Community Centre, 775 Ballarat Rd, Deer Park on Tuesdays from 10 am to 3 pm, and at the Harvester Interpretive Centre, Sunshine Library, Hampshire Rd, Sunshine on Wednesdays 2 pm to 5 pm. Enquiries: email secretary@sunshinehistoricalsociety.org.au or phone 9312 2284.

TALBOT: Heritagecare Conservation Volunteers have been working at the Museum for over 12 months as part of a project called "Bringing our Hidden Heritage to the People". The Museum in Camp St is open on Sunday 1 pm to 4 pm, and Tues-Wed from 10 am to 4 pm. Entry is \$2, with an additional \$5 for use of the research facilities. Further information: 5461 3340 or email talbotmuseum@hotmail.com

WANGARATTA: The society celebrated its 50th Anniversary on 15 July with an Open Day and launch of their new museum brochure. The annual "Dr George Mackay Oration" will be held at the TAFE Auditorium, Wangaratta on Friday 16 October at 8 pm. The speaker will be Dr Evan Evans from the Tasmanian Institute of Agricultural Research, on the subject "A pragmatic perspective on the role of GM in plant breeding". Attendance is open to all, no admission charge, and a light supper will be provided. Bookings: wanghistoc@hotmail.com or phone 03 5726 9331 or 5722 1159.

WARRAGUL: Meetings are held in the Old Shire Hall, Queen St, Warragul on the last Monday of the month at 7.30 pm. Enquiries: Secretary, PO Box 310, Warragul 3820, or phone (03) 5625 3763.

WARRANTYTE: The July-October newsletter of the Warrantyte Historical Society carries a story of the origins of their society, and how they came to occupy their current premises, the former Post Office. Next meetings will be held on Tuesday 15 September and Tuesday 20 October, 7.30 pm, at the Old Post Office Museum, 111 Yarra Street, Warrantyte. The Museum is open to visitors on Saturdays and Sundays, 1.00 pm - 4.00 pm, or 2.00 pm - 5.00 pm during daylight saving, other times by appointment. Enquiries: warrantytehs@gmail.com or phone: (03) 9844 4176.

WOODEND: The society is seeking access to letters, diaries and photographs for inclusion in a "District Soldiers Project" on the First World War. If you can help, contact the society by email on wds@vicnet.net.au or phone 5427 3361 on Wednesdays.

YARRA GLEN: Their newsletter notes with sadness the passing of esteemed colleague and friend, Eric Tetlow, on 15 June 2009. Eric was well-known in the local history movement of Victoria. He was generous with the fruits of his research, loving the challenge of solving a knotty problem. The next issue of the newsletter, in October or November will be dedicated to Eric.

YARRAMBAT - Sixty Grade 6 students from Yarrambat Primary School will present the annual "Historical Speeches" program to parents and friends over 3 evenings on 7, 8 and 9 September in the School Hall from 7 pm. This combined community activity between the local primary school and the Yarrambat Historical Society has been held annually for the last 17 years - and continues to be an integral part of the School's Grade 6 leadership program. Visitors most welcome. Other Historical Societies could be interested in implementing a similar program with their local primary or secondary schools. Enquiries: Brendon Smith, Secretary 9436 1356.

YARRAWONGA-MULWALA: A display has been arranged to commemorate the 50th anniversary of Beverley McFarlane Long being crowned Miss Victoria in 1959. Beverley, still an active and community-minded resident of Yarrowonga, participated in a re-enactment of her arrival in Yarrowonga from Melbourne. The Display at the Pioneer Museum in Mulwala will remain in place for some months. The Museum is open on Wednesdays to Sundays, 1-4:30 pm. Enquiries: Jacye on 03 5744 1402.

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